



TENNESSEE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

The Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA) was authorized by the 1963 General Assembly for the purpose of training, state, county and city law enforcement officers. The first class began October 17, 1966 and since that time thousands of officers have received training at the Academy. The Academy functioned as an independent commission until it was brought under the Department of Safety in 1983 by Executive Order. It was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Insurance by Executive order July 1, 2006.

The Academy is located on a tract of land, once owned and operated by President Andrew Jackson, in the heart of the Donelson neighborhood of Nashville.

The objective of the Academy is service to government through providing police science and administrative programs for officers at all levels of responsibility, to up-date officers who attend these training programs, increase their capabilities to better serve their departments and the citizens of the State of Tennessee, and to be the center of law enforcement training for all law enforcement officers.

The following have served as Director of the Academy: G. Hilton Butler, 1965-68; Charles F. Grigsby, 1968-76; Herman Yeatman, 1976-84; Phillip L. Davidson, 1984-87; Robert N. Greene, 1987-88; Roger Farley, 1988-92; Fred Phillips, 1992-93; Bill Thomas, 1993-95; and Mark Bracy, 1995-2005; Brian Grisham 2005 to present.

During the years the facility has been expanded to include a firing range, precision driving range, gymnasium, additional dorm rooms, courtroom/auditorium and office space. In 2004, expansion was achieved by remodeling the neighboring TBI Crime Lab. The TLETA Annex Building provides four new classrooms, a drive-in classroom, driving and firearms simulators, a computer lab, dormitory expansion for female students, and a

separate facility for the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (POST) including a state-of-the-art hearing room.

The Academy conducts at least five Basic Law Enforcement Recruit Schools per year (10 weeks each) and offers numerous of specialized schools such as:

- criminal investigation
- child sexual abuse
- domestic violence
- firearms instructor
- driving track instructor
- defensive tactics
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- police photography
- crime scene investigation
- physical fitness instructor
- gang intelligence and investigations
- interview and interrogation
- internal affairs
- instructor development
- various legal classes
- various tactical classes
- police motorcycle
- police bicycle
- man-tracking
- traffic investigation
- numerous management classes

TLETA plans to meet the future needs of the law enforcement community by offering continually more sophisticated training in specialized areas as well as in the basic training classes. Methods and techniques in training officers are constantly changing which means the instructors are required to attend schools and training sessions to keep abreast. As technology improves, so does TLETA in its efforts to provide practical hands-on instruction to today's law enforcement community.